GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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POPULATION OF FEMALE
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted any survey to increase the number of female in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there has been any decline in the number of female in India in comparison to other countries of the World; and

(d) if so, the efforts taken by the Government to increase the number of females in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY)

(a)&(b) As per the information received from the Registrar General of India and Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, no survey has been conducted to increase the number of females in the country.

(c) As per information given by UN, as available on their website http://www.un.ors/esa/population/publication/wpp2000/annex-tables.pdf, the female sex ratio in some countries of the Middle East is lower than that of India.

(d) As per the information furnished by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, the major steps to check female feticide include:- (i) A National Monitoring and Inspection Committee has been constituted at the Centre to take stock of the ground realities by field visits to the problem States.(ii) A National Support and Monitoring Cell with external assistance has been set up for effective implementation of the Act by appointing professionals from police, medical, law and social sciences as full time consultants. (iii) the appropriate authorities are being sensitized. (iv) Medical Community is being sensitized. (v) Sale of ultrasound machines is being regulated. (vi) Various publications have been released by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. (vii) Meetings of the Central Supervisory Board are being held regularly.

The Ministry of Women and Child Development is also conducting various sensitization and awareness programmes on the evils of female feticide and to enhance the value of the girl child.